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SAFETY'S JOB IN WARTIME

TO SOME PEOPLE IT MAY SEEM PARADOXICAL THAT THERE IS A NEED TO INTENSIFY ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORK IN WARTIME. WHY WORRY ABOUT AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH HERE AND THERE, THEY MAY ASK, WHEN LIFE MUST BE PURPOSEFULLY SACRIFICED ON THE BATTLEFIELD?

IT'S THE OLD STORY OF NOT SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES. THE ANSWER IS APPARENT TO ANY THOUGHTFUL AMERICAN WHO MANAGES TO KEEP HIS SENSE OF PROPORTION IN THE DARRAGE OF BLACK HEADLINES.

SAFETY IS NOT A PEACETIME LUXURY; ACCIDENTS ARE A PEACETIME LUXURY! IN WARTIME THE LUXURY OF WASTE CANNOT BE TOLERATED!

WARS ARE NOT WON AT THE FRONT LINE ONLY. VICTORY DEPENDS UPON FACTORIES, TRANSPORTATION, THE THOUSAND AND ONE JOBS BEHIND THE LINES THAT MUST NOT BE INTERRUPTED.

ACCIDENTS DELAY PRODUCTION. THEY CRIPPLE TRANSPORTATION. THEY ROB THE NATION OF ESSENTIAL MANPOWER. THEY EAT UP INEXORABLY THE PRECIOUS MINUTES THAT MEAN ANOTHER BOMBER, ANOTHER TANK, ANOTHER WARSHIP. ACCIDENTS DEFINITELY HINDER THE WAR EFFORT OF THIS COUNTRY!

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAW THE DANGER WHEN HE ISSUED HIS PROCLAMATION LAST AUGUST. THE DANGER THEN HAS GROWN A THOUSAND-FOLD TODAY. WAR HAS ONLY MADE MORE ACUTE THE NEED TO INTENSIFY ACCIDENT PREVENTION EFFORTS IN THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS — THE UPWARD TREND OF ACCIDENTS HAS BEEN SLOWED BY ALMOST HALF. BUT THE TREND IS STILL UP. WE CANNOT BE CONTENT UNTIL THE CURVE DIPS SHARPLY DOWNWARD.

(FROM SAFE WORKER)
CAMPAIGN TO AVOID FARM FRONT MISHAPS

"IN THIS WAR, AS IN NO OTHER WAR IN OUR HISTORY, HEROISM

WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO THE FRONT LINES." VERY RECENTLY, THE HONORABLE ROBERT P. PATTERSON, UNDER-SECRETARY OF WAR, MADE THIS STATEMENT. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE MR. PATTERSON HAD IN MIND THAT "FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR." HOWEVER, FOOD TRAVELS A LONG WAY BEFORE IT COMES TO THE TABLE.

LAST YEAR, IN GETTING THE FOOD TO THE PROCESSOR, 4500 FARMERS LOST THEIR LIVES. THOUSANDS WERE CRIPPLED FOR LIFE; MORE THOUSANDS WERE INCAPACITATED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD.

THIS YEAR, WITH INEXPERIENCED HELP, WITH FARM WOMEN, IMMATURE LADS, AND FARMERS WHO HAD GIVEN OVER THE ACTIVE PART OF THEIR WORK TO YOUNGER MEN, ASSUMING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GREATER PRODUCTION, IT APPEARS THAT ACCIDENTS IN RURAL AMERICA WILL INCREASE.

THERE IS ONE WAY TO AVERT

* GIVE SAFETY A PRIORITY *

THIS ... THIS IS, THE UNDER-
STANDING THAT DESPITE OUR
GREATER PRODUCTION, WITH LESS
MAN POWER AND INADEQUATELY-
MAINTAINED MECHANICAL POWER,
WE WILL KEEP IN MIND THAT "AC-
CIDENTS AID THE AXIS."

IF IT IS TRUE THAT "FOOD
WILL WIN THE WAR AND DICTATE
THE PEACE," ALL THOUGHTFUL
FARM FOLKS WILL REALIZE THAT
THIS IS NO TIME TO INDULGE IN
THE CARELESS WORK HABITS, THE
OVER EXERTION, AND THE FATAL-
ISTIC ATTITUDE WHICH HAS GIVEN
FARMING THE UNHAPPY DISTINC-
TION OF KILLING MORE PEOPLE
THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRY IN THE
COUNTRY WHICH IS KNOWN FOR ITS
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES ... THE
UNITED STATES.

AS MR. PATTERSON SAID "HERO-
ISM WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO
THE FRONT LINES" ... IT TAKES
A VERY SPECIAL BRAND OF COUR-
AGE TO CARRY ON OUR EVERY-DAY
DUTIES IN A SAFE MANNER. ON
THE FARM THIS IS TRUE AT ALL
TIMES. IT IS ESPECIALLY TRUE
AT THIS TIME. (FROM ILLINOIS
AGRICULTURAL ASSN. BULLETIN)

SUPERVISOR KILLED IN GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT

THE FIRST FATALITY OF THE
CURRENT YEAR WAS CHARGED A-
GAINST F. S. A. ON MARCH 27TH
WHEN DONALD FOSTER, ASST. R.R.
SUPERVISOR, WAS KILLED IN AN
AUTOMOBILE-TRAIN ACCIDENT AT
BUCHANAN, GEORGIA. THE SUPER-
VISOR WAS RETURNING FROM A
VISIT TO A CLIENT'S HOME WHEN
HIS CAR WAS STRUCK BROADSIDE
BY A PASSENGER TRAIN AT A
GRADE CROSSING.

CHAIR ACCIDENTS

TILTING BACK A CHAIR WHILE
SITTING IN IT IS A RATHER COM-
MON PRACTICE. MANY PERSONS
HAVE HAD NARROW ESCAPES FROM
FALLING, UNDER THESE CIRCUM-
STANCES. WHEN THEY REALIZED
THAT THEY WERE ABOUT TO GO
OVER BACKWARD, THEY THREW OUT
THEIR HANDS TO REGAIN THEIR
BALANCE OR TO GRASP SOMETHING.
OTHERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
SAVE THEMSELVES AND HAVE
CRASHED TO THE FLOOR.

THE CHANCES ARE THAT A PER-
SON FALLING IN THIS WAY WILL
BE BADLY BRUISED, AND HE MAY
BE SERIOUSLY HURT. ACCIDENTS
OF THIS TYPE HAVE RESULTED IN
BROKEN ARMS AND WRISTS, FRAC-
TURES OF THE SKULL, AND OTHER
INJURIES.

OCCASIONALLY, THE OUTCOME
IS FATAL TO THE PERSON INVOLV-
ED, AS IS SHOWN BY THE FOLLOW-
ING BRIEF ACCOUNT:

WHILE VISITING AN OFFICE IN A
DISTANT CITY, A MAN SAT DOWN
AT A DESK TO WRITE TO HIS FAM-
ILY. WHEN HE HAD FINISHED HIS
LETTER HE TILTED HIS CHAIR
BACK, IN ORDER TO CHANGE HIS
POSITION, BECAME OVER-BALANCED,
AND FELL. HIS HEAD STRUCK THE
FLOOR WITH SUCH FORCE THAT HE
WAS FATALY INJURED.

REALIZATION OF THE SERIOUS-
NESS OF THE HAZARD, AND KNOW-
LEDGE THAT ACCIDENTS OF THIS
KIND CAUSE LOST TIME, EXPENSE,
AND SUFFERING, SHOULD RESULT
IN DISCONTINUING THE PRACTICE
OF TILTING BACK IN CHAIRS.

A SWIVEL CHAIR PRESENTS A
SPECIAL HAZARD WHEN THE SPRING
UNDER THE SEAT IS NOT PROPERLY
ADJUSTED. THERE IS THEN LIT-
TLE RESISTANCE AGAINST TILTING
BACK, AND THE CHAIR IS LIKELY
TO TOPPLE OVER WITH ITS OCCU-
PANT.

TO PREVENT FALLS WHILE US-
ING CHAIRS:

1. KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE FLOOR
DO NOT PUT THEM ON THE DESK
OR ON A DRAWER.
2. KEEP ALL THE LEGS OF THE
CHAIR ON THE FLOOR — DON'T
TIP IT BACKWARD OR FORWARD.
3. AVOID SITTING ON THE EDGE
OF THE CHAIR SEAT.
4. MAKE PERIODIC CHECK OF THE
CONDITION OF THE SEATS,
BACKS, AND LEGS OF CHAIRS.
DISCARD DEFECTIVE CHAIRS,
OR PUT THEM OUT OF SERVICE
UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN RE-
PAIRED.
5. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE
SPRING ON A SWIVEL CHAIR IS
KEPT PROPERLY ADJUSTED.
(FROM TRAVELER'S STANDARD)

TWINKLING OF AN EYE

SUPPOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT
YOU'RE DRIVING AT ABOUT 30
MILES PER HOUR RIGHT NOW.

IF YOU LIGHT A CIGARETTE,
TURN YOUR HEAD TO LOOK FOR A
STREET NUMBER OR TO TALK TO A
COMPANION FOR JUST ONE SECOND—
IN THAT SECOND YOUR CAR GOES A
DISTANCE OF 44 FEET, OR ABOUT

IF YOU HAVE PLANS FOR TOMORROW
BE CAREFUL TODAY

THREE FULL CAR-LENGTHS.

BUMPETY THUMP

IN THREE CAR LENGTHS MANY THINGS CAN HAPPEN. A CHILD MAY DART OUT FROM THE CURB AFTER A BALL ... A CAR MAY STOP SUDDENLY IN FRONT OF YOU ... A BOY ON A BICYCLE MAY SWEEP ACROSS THE PATH OF YOUR CAR -- AND IF ANY OF THESE THINGS SHOULD HAPPEN WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO STOP? IF YOU COULDN'T THE RESULT WOULD BE ANOTHER TRAFFIC TRAGEDY, ANOTHER LIFE LOST OR CRUELLY CHANGED AND THE RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE ENTIRELY YOURS.

DRIVING IS A FULL-TIME JOB. KEEP YOUR HANDS ON THE WHEEL, YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD, AND YOUR MIND ON YOUR DRIVING SIXTY SECONDS OF EVERY MINUTE. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE.

(FROM U.S. ENGINEERS' CROSS-ROADS)

COST OF MOMENT'S DISTRACTION

EVERY DRIVER KNOWS THE TEMPTATION TO GLANCE AWAY FROM THE WHEEL WHILE DRIVING. SOMETIMES A MOMENT'S DISTRACTION COSTS A HIGH PRICE. A HOME SUPERVISOR, DRIVING ABOUT 35 MILES AN HOUR, ON THE WAY TO A BORROWERS' MEETING, HEARD THE SOUND OF HER PAPERS SLIPPING FROM THE SEAT AT HER RIGHT. SHE GLANCED TO THE RIGHT AND USED ONE HAND TO STRAIGHTEN THEM. THE CAR RAN OFF THE ROAD, DOWN AN EMBANKMENT, AND TURNED OVER INTO THE CREEK. A SPRAINED ANKLE, BRUISES AND A SLIGHT HEAD WOUND WERE HER ONLY INJURIES, BUT THE CAR WAS BADLY DAMAGED.

JOCK FELL DOWNSTAIRS FROM HIS FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT WITH A TERRIFIC THUMPETY BUMPING AND SPRAWLED INTO THE STREET WHERE A BRAW LASSIE WAS STARTLED BY HIS SUDDEN APPEARANCE.

"GOODNESS JOCK, ARE YE HURT?"

"NEVER MIND ME," GROANED JOCK, "I WAS COMIN' DOWN ANYWAY!"

BUT THERE WERE 26,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO FELL DOWN LAST YEAR WHO COULDN'T EVEN GROAN. THEIR FALLS WERE FATAL.

AS USUAL, FALLS BROUGHT MORE ACCIDENTAL DEATHS IN 1941 THAN ANY OTHER CAUSE EXCEPT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

THOSE WORDS ARE PROPHETIC. WILL FALLS, "AS USUAL", KILL MORE OF US THIS YEAR THAN ANY OTHER TYPE OF ACCIDENT EXCEPT AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS?

EACH YEAR THE INDICTMENT OF FALLS BECOMES MORE SEVERE AND EACH YEAR ADDS NEW EMPHASIS TO THE FACT THAT EVER SINCE MAN BEGAN WALKING AROUND ON HIS HIND LEGS, ONE OF HIS TOUGHEST JOBS HAS BEEN TO STAY RIGHT SIDE UP.

(FROM THE SAFE WORKER)

GROW WHITE WITH THE 7 DROOPS

1. SLEEPY - DOZES AT THE WHEEL WHEN HE SHOULD STOP AND GET A LITTLE SLEEP-OR, MAYBE HE'S ONLY DAY-DREAMING AND COMES TO WITH A START JUST AS HE HITS THE

DITCH.

2. FLUTTERY - HE CAN'T MAKE-UP HIS MIND, GETS FLUSTERED, BEGINS TO TURN RIGHT, THEN, SUDDENLY, WHIPS TO THE LEFT - INTO A TRUCK!

3. RACEY - HE HAS TO BE OUT IN FRONT! STEPS ON IT TO BEAT CARS, TRAINS, AND EVEN PLANES. HIS BIG SHOT COMPLEX MAKES HIM TRY TO IMPRESS OTHERS WITH SKIDS, CLOSE SHAVES AND SPEED. LOOKS BACK WITH WISE-GUY SNEERS AT PEOPLE HE HAS SCARED OUT OF THEIR WITS.

4. WEAVEY - IT WOULD BE A WONDER IF HE'D STAY ON HIS OWN SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR 10 MINUTES, AND IN TRAFFIC - WELL, YOU SHOULD SEE THE WRINKLES HE "WEAVES" INTO HIS FENDERS! PREFERS TO PASS OTHER CARS FROM THE WRONG SIDE.

5. LOOKY - YEP, HE LOOKS AT EVERYTHING - BUT THE ROAD. AFTER PASSING A PRETTY GIRL, HE TURNS AROUND AND STARTS TALKING TO BACK-SEAT PASSENGERS - MUCH TO THEIR DISCOMFORT.

6. JERKY - MESSES UP TRAFFIC WITH HIS UNCERTAIN PACE - HE DRIVES LIKE A SNAIL ON STRAIGHT, WIDE STRETCHES, AND PROBABLY "BURNS HIS AXLES" ON THE CURVES OR BAD SPOTS.

7. CORKY - HIC, EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL! CORKY THINKS HE KNOWS WHEN HE'S HAD ENOUGH TO DRINK! HE CLIMBS

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* A CRUTCH WILL SUPPORT A CRIPPLE. *

* BUT IT WON'T SUPPORT HIS FAMILY. *

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INTO HIS CAR, CLASHES HIS GEARS, AND IS GONE — MAYBE FOR GOOD!
(FROM LOS ANGELES "SAFETY SUN")

ADULTS TAKE HEED!

AS A TWELVE-YEAR OLD BOY EXPRESSED IT IN A WRITTEN EXAMINATION ON HOW TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS:

"FIX EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS, OR IF YOU KNOW IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN, FIX IT BEFORE IT DOES HAPPEN".
(FROM — SAFETY NEWS)

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

STATISTICS TELL US THAT THE AVERAGE MAN ENTERING SERVICE IN THE ARMY IS 5 FEET 8 INCHES TALL, WEIGHS 144 POUNDS, HAS A CHEST MEASUREMENT OF 33½ INCHES, A 31 INCH WAISTLINE, WEARS A 9½ D SHOE AND A SIZE 7 HAT.

TO KEEP THIS SOLDIER IN FIGHTING TRIM FOR THE FIRST YEAR, THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS SPENDS \$ 404.65, OF WHICH \$175.20 IS FOR FOOD; \$162.05 FOR CLOTHING; \$15.79 FOR INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT; AND \$51.61 FOR BARRACKS EQUIPMENT.

WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, PAY, HOUSING AND OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED DURING HIS TRAINING ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THESE ESTIMATES.

AS WE SEND THIS AVERAGE SOLDIER TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY, I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IT REQUIRES 18 MEN AT FULL TIME JOBS TO EQUIP HIM AND SUPPLY HIM WHILE FIGHTING.

IN OTHER WORDS, AN ARMY OF 6,000,000 FIGHTING MEN WILL REQUIRE AN ARMY OF 108,000,000 WORKERS TO STAND BEHIND IT.

IF THIS IS TRUE, OUR ARMY OF WORKERS CANNOT BEGIN TO MEET THE MANPOWER DEMAND. WE MUST CONSIDER THESE WORKERS AND KEEP THEM FREE FROM SICKNESS AND INJURY. IN THE YEAR 1941, WE LOST 100,000 FROM THIS ARMY OF WORKERS FROM ACCIDENTAL DEATHS. DISEASE WILL ADD ANOTHER STARTLING FIGURE.

MAN HOURS LOST FROM WORK DUE TO ACCIDENTS IN 1941, WE ARE TOLD, EXCEED 1,500,000,000 MAN HOURS. IN ARMAMENT CONSTRUCTION, THESE LOST HOURS REPRESENT ENOUGH TIME TO BUILD 45 BATTLESHIPS, OR 374 DESTROYERS, OR 15,000 HEAVY BOMBERS, OR 30,000 MEDIUM BOMBERS; 75,000 FIGHTER PLANES OR 195,000 LIGHT TANKS.

ANY ONE OF THESE ITEMS WOULD BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE ON OUR BATTLE FRONTS TODAY. HOW WELL GENERAL MACARTHUR COULD PUT THEM TO USE.

WE MUST START TO CONSIDER MAN-POWER LOSSES FROM EVERY ANGLE AS WE HAVE NO RESERVE. IF YOU HAVE FAILED TO INSTRUCT A WORKER IN SAFE METHODS AND RESULTS LEAD TO AN INJURY OR DAMAGE TO VALUABLE MATERIAL, YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SHORTAGES ON THE FIGHTING FRONT.

(FROM GALVESTON CAUSEWAY)

FAMILIARITY BREEDS...

THEY SAY THAT FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT AND THEY ALSO

SAY THAT THERE IS AN EXCEPTION TO EVERY RULE. IN THE CASE OF SAFETY IT IS THE EXCEPTION. FOR SOME UNACCOUNTABLE REASON IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO INTRODUCE SAFETY TO PEOPLE THAN IT WOULD BE TO MAKE THEM ACQUAINTED WITH A DEFINITE DANGER. THEY SHY AT SAFETY SUGGESTIONS AS IF THEY WERE TO BE INNOCULATED WITH A FOOT LONG NEEDLE. THEY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT AND THEY DON'T WANT TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT. MANY HARBOR A SMOLDERING SPARK OF CONTEMPT FOR THOSE WHO, IN THEIR OPINION, WASTE VALUABLE TIME AND MONEY FOOLING AROUND WITH THE "SAFETY RACKET." BUT LET MISFORTUNE DESCEND. LET THE ACCIDENT HAPPEN AND THE LESSON BE LEARNED THE HARD WAY. LET THE INTRODUCTION BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NEAT BLOODY BAPTISM OR A TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL, AND CONTEMPT WILL GO OUT THE WINDOW. NO, THE RULE IS REVERSED. FAMILIARITY WITH SAFETY BREEDS NOTHING BUT THE DEEPEST RESPECT.
(FROM SYRACUSE SAFETY SENTINEL)

FSA ACCIDENT

IF YOU ARE TIRED, DRIVE WITH SPECIAL CARE. A HOME SUPERVISOR, COMING IN AT 5 P.M. FROM A DAY IN THE FIELD, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN THE CAR IN WHICH SHE AND A HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT WERE TRAVELING, OVERTURNED. THEY WERE FOUND 25 MINUTES LATER BY A PASSING MOTORIST. THE HOME SUPERVISOR SUFFERED A BROKEN COLLAR BONE, A BACK STRAIN, A BADLY SPRAINED ANKLE AND MANY BRUISES. SHE WAS AWAY FROM HER JOB 37 DAYS.

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* BE ALERT — DON'T GET HURT!! *
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